

OCEMS POLICIES
15 DAY -PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONSES
April 1 – April 15, 2014

OCEMS Policy XXX.XX - Mass Gatherings with Emergency Medical Interface (new policy)

Date	Contact	Organization	Comment	OCEMS Response
4/01/14	Jim Karras	AmeriCare Ambulance Service	Regarding the following section: b. For Non-EOAs, the City may allow the use of OCEMS-approved ALS providers or OCEMS accredited-EMTs Is this language intended to mean that the "City" may allow OC-EMS approved ALS providers or accredited EMTs (meaning specific on-site individual providers) or licensed ambulance services to provide ambulance transportation after on-site patient stabilization prior to transport? The language is ambiguous. If the area is a non-exclusive EOA, would a OC-EMS licensed ambulance company (holding a current city business license within such EOA if applicable) be permitted to transport after on-site patient stabilization in the any of the following scenarios: a) either at the BLS level (if appropriate per I-90), b) at the ALS level via being accompanied by the 911 ALS provider's personnel in the ambulance to the hospital, or c) via an OC-EMS approved ALS licensed ambulance service provider's ALS ambulance? Will OC-EMS consider publishing a list of OC-EMS recognized Exclusive EOA's and Non-Exclusive EOA's on	Acknowledged. Policy is undergoing internal revision based on comments and will be put out again for 15-day comment

			its Website so event promoters, OC-EMS Approved ALS providers, OC-EMS licensed ambulance companies and the general public will have a clear understanding of what resources are permitted to be accessed and utilized for both on-site resources and for ambulance transportation needs from the site to receiving hospitals? Thank you for consideration of our questions/comments related to this draft policy.	
4/10/14	Patrick Powers	Lynch EMS	We are in support of the development of a mass gathering policy.	Acknowledged.
4/13/14	Rob Gagne	Costa Mesa Fire Department	Under numeral III, item I.. can the word "locally" be clarified. I would assume that would be the 911 provider for that area or the EOA.	Acknowledged. Policy is undergoing internal revision based on comments and will be put out again for 15-day comment
4/15/14	Joelle Samsel	On behalf of Anaheim City Attorney and Anaheim Fire and Rescue	See attached letter (Attachment 1). Feels policy "infringes on the City's administrative control of all pre-hospital EMS operations within its jurisdiction pursuant to H&S Code 1797.201"	Acknowledged. Intent is to allow for City or municipal authority issuing event permits to determine provider. Policy is undergoing internal revision based on comments and will be put out again for 15-day comment
4/22/14	Orange County Fire Chief's Association		See attached letter (Attachment 2). Concerns expressed over proposed removal of "jurisdictional provider agency" from draft policy. Concerns expressed over EOAs and potential policy conflict with Section 201 and 224 regulations.	Acknowledged. Intent is to allow for City or municipal authority issuing event permits to determine provider. Policy is undergoing internal revision based on comments and will be put out again for 15-day comment